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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: TCAG 96/97 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 3

We have completed our review of the following Amendment to the Tulare County Association of Government's (TCAG) 1996/97 through 1998/99 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was submitted with your letter dated April 1, 1997:

No. Description

- 3 Update one State Transportation Improvement Program project to add funding to the preliminary engineering phase and to update programmed right of way dollars;

Updates the Federal Transportation Improvement Programs (FTIP) State Highway Operation and Protection Program coding to reflect the anticipated usage of federal aid for those projects.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this TCAG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The project added by this amendment is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §51.460 and §93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Region 9 office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of TCAG's TIP Amendment No.3 into California's 1996/97 to FY 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for the projects in this amendment is already within the approved FSTIP Financial Plan, and therefore do not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dennis A. Scovill".

For
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator